

Appl. No. 09/890,549


- ☒ Petition for three (3) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$460.00 for the extension of time.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☒ Other: Exhibit
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$805.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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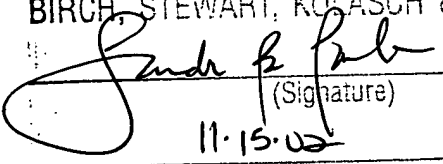
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Applicant: HARKONEN, Matti et al. Conf.: 6469
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GASTRIC CANCER

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 15, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued May 15, 2002, the period for Response having been extended by three (3) months to November 15, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for screening for atrophy of the corpus of the stomach from blood serum, such atrophy correlating with increased risk of gastric cancer, said method comprising:

a) obtaining a serum sample from a patient;

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